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RULES

FOR THE

Genders of NOU

RULE I.

MEn's proper Names with *hic* w.
Women's with *hæc* to be decl
What Words the Sexes both embrace,
We in the common Gender place.

RULE II.

BE ſure that you do always give
Three Genders to an Adjective
But yet in a diff'rent Faſhion,
As it varieth Termination.

RULE III.

AS and his Com[illegible]unds all
The Maſc

RULE IV.

WInds Names are always Maſculines ;
Rivers and Hills ſcarce Feminines.

RULE V.

TOwns, Provinces, Feminines make ;
Ships, Iſles, then ſeldom you'll miſtake.

RULE VI.

TRees Names we ſcarcely do decline
Without the Gender Feminine ;
pt thoſe that in *ſter* do end,
hom the Maſculine we lend :
we do to *ſpinus*, *dumus*.
nd likewiſe ſay *hic* or *hæc rubus* ;
Rober and *acer* muſt be Neuter,
As all in *um*, and *ſiler*, *ſuber*.

RULE VII.

ALL Indeclinables are Neuters,
manna, *pondo*, *fas* and others.

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RULE VIII.

In the Plural's Maſculine,
Æ dipthong is the Feminine,
A. E. all Neuters we decline.

RULE IX.

And *E* in the firſt Declenſion
To *hæc* always make pretenſion;
Save *planeta*, and *cometa*
Maſculines, and Neuter *paſcha*:
But of the Third Declenſion all
In *A* or *E*, we Neuters call.

RULE X.

O Demands *hic*; but in *do*, *go*,
If Syllables more than two they ſhew,
All will have *hæc*, but *harpago*:
And *hæc* doth *caro*, *grando* guide,
Io of Verb or Noun deriv'd
Unio, *pugio* laid aſide.

RULE XI.

C, *L*, and *T*, are Neuters all,
But *ſal* that's *hic* or *hoc*, *hic ſol*.

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RULE XII.

ALL Nouns in *um* the Neuter hold,
As *pomum*, *ſolum*, *aurum* gold.

RULE XIII.

MOſt Words in *N* are Maſculines,
Save *icon*, *ſindon* Feminines,
And all in *men*, which *hoc* declines.
Inguen, *unguen*, *gluten* Glue
The Neuter likewiſe do purſue.

RULE XIV.

A R and *ur* alſo Neuter is,
Except *hic furfur furfuris*.

RULE XV.

ER takes *hic*, yet ſay *hæc linter*,
Hoc iter, *cadaver*, *ſpinter*;
And *uber*, *ver*, with Fruits and Plants,
But *tuber* ne're a Gender wants.

RULE XVI.

OR takes *hic*, except *hæc arbor*,
Hoc cor, *ador*, *marmor*, *æquor*.

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RULE XVII.

AS in the firſt Declenſion takes
Hic, in the third *hæc* ne're forſakes:
Except only *hoc vas vaſis*,
And *hic* thoſe that make *as antis*.

RULE XVIII.

ES with the Feminine agrees,
Dies is doubtful, Neuter *es*:
Maſculines are *poples*, *limes*,
Stipes, *paries*, *pes*, *fomes*.
Palmes, *gurges*, *trames* a Path,
Ceſpes, *termes hic* each hath:
And moſt Greekiſh Nouns, as *magnes*,
Tapes, *lebes*, and *ſorites*.

RULE XIX.

IS points out Nouns Feminines,
Yet thoſe in *nis* are Maſculines:
As be *pulvis*, *caulis*, *collis*,
Axis, *orbis*, *callis* *fallis*,
Fuſtis a Club, *lapis*, *vepris*,
Menſis a Month, *ſemis*, *torris*:
Add *cucumis*, *pollis*, *ſanguis*,
Vectis a Bar, *faſcis*, *unguis*,

Aqualis

Aqualis a Water-Pot, and *caſſis*,
Enſis a Sword, to which joyn *poſtis*.

RULE XX.

PLace in the doubtful Gender *finis*,
Scrobis, *torquis*, with them *clunis*.

RULE XXI.

OS takes *hic*, yet ſay *hæc eos*, *dos*:
Hoc epos, *vis*, *oſſis*, *os*.

RULE XXII.

THe Second and Fourth Declenſion
In *us*, the Maſculine put on:
Except ſome Greekiſh Feminines,
With whom ſometimes the Latin joyns:
As in *hæc alvus*, *colus*, *acus*,
Manus a Hand, and *idus*, *tribus*,
Porticus, *ficus*, and *humus*,
Vannus, *carbaſus*, and *domus*:
Specus, *penus*, *groſſus* we call,
And *phaſelus* doubtful withal:
Neuters make *virus*, *pelagus*,
But you may ſay *hic* or *hæc vulgus*.

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RULE XXIII.

THe third Declenſion to each Word
In *us*, the Neuter doth afford :
Save thoſe making *utis*, *udis*,
For ſay, *hæc incus incudis* :
To which *tellus telluris* joyn
But *pus podis* is Maſculine.

RULE XXIV.

TO *S* after a Conſonant,
And to *laus*, *fraus hæc* we do grant.

RULE XXV.

MAſculines call *dens*, *chalybs*, *mons*,
And *hydrops*, *rudens*, with *fons*, *pons* :
But *ſcrobs*, and *adeps* doubtful are,
And to them *ſtirps* we may compare.

RULE XXVI.

MOſt Words in *X*, are Feminines,
Save *calix*, *fornix* Maſculines ;
With *ſpadix*, *varix*, *urpix*, *grex*,
And moſt diſſyllables in *ax* or *ex* ;
But *fornax*, *halex* do incline
And *forfex*, to the Feminine.

Doubtful

Doubtful we call *tradux*, *ſilex*,
Likewiſe *cortex*, *pumex*, *imbrex*,
And *calx*, tho' rather Maſculines;
But *ſandix*, *onix* Feminines.

RULE XXVII.

THe Terminations do direct
What Gender Epicenes expect:
Yet ſay *hic phœnix*, *glis*, *turtur*,
Hic bombyx, *oryx* & *vultur*:
Joyn here *vermis*, *piſcis*, *lepus*,
Salar, *delphis*, *mugil*, & *mus*.
The Feminine give to *alcyon*,
And to *lagopus*, *aedon*.
Limax, *cenchris* doubtful we have;
Anguis, *palumbes hic* do crave:
Hæc give unto *ſerpens*, *talpa*,
Grus, *perdix*, *lynx*, likewiſe *dama*.

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